

The Abstract Of The Disclosure, at page 24, lines 2 to 16, is being amended

as follows:

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~~The~~ It is an object of this invention to extend the life of a secondary battery is extended and as long as possible and certainly backup important data is backed up when a power trouble, such as an incidental power failure, occurs. When a sudden power failure occurs, a battery 14 supplies backup power to a memory 113 for storing data to be backed up. By using ~~one circuit of contacts of~~ a main switch 18 for turning ~~on or off~~ the main power supply of the apparatus on or off, the supply of the backup power from the battery 14 to the memory 113 is stopped, interlocked with the main switch, 18; when the main switch 18 shuts down the main power supply. This reduces the number ~~of times of a~~ charge-discharge cycles ~~cycle~~ of the battery, 4; prevents deterioration of the battery, 14; and prolongs the life of the battery, 14.